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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte: OLE SIBBESEN and JENS FRISBAEK SORENSEN

Application No. 10/626,583 Technology Center 1600

Mailed: January 22, 2010

Before QUITA GOULD Supervisory Paralegal Specialist GOULD, Supervisory Paralegal Specialist.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on December 14, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

APPEAL BRIEF, SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

Appellants filed an Appeal Brief dated May 27, 2009. The Appeal Brief is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c) effective September 13, 2004

According to 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(v), an Appeal Brief must include the following:

(v) Summary Of Claimed Subject Matter. A concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, which must refer to the Specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters. For each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(vii), every means plus function and step plus function as permitted by 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, must be identified and the structure, material, or acts described in the Specification as corresponding to each claimed function must be set forth with reference to the Specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters.

The "Summary of Claimed Subject Matter" appearing on pages 4-5 of the Appeal Brief filed May 27, 2009 is deficient because it maps independent claims 56 and 60 to the Patent Publication and not to the Specification as filed with the application as required. Correction is required.

MPEP § 1205.03 states in part:

(B) When the Office holds the brief to be defective solely due to Appellants failure to provide a Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter as

required by 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v), an entire new brief need not, and should not, be filed. Rather, a paper providing a Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter as required by 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v) will suffice. Failure to timely respond to the Office's requirement will result in dismissal of the appeal. See MPEP § 1215.04 and § 711.02(b).

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) hold the Appeal Brief filed May 27, 2009 defective, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(d);
- 2) notify the Appellants to submit a "paper" which corrects the Appeal Brief's Summary of Claimed Subject Matter under 37 C.F.R. §41.37(c)(1)(v);
- 3) acknowledge and consider any "paper" submitted by Appellants to correct the Appeal Brief;
 - 4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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